

ELDER ABUSE TRAINING

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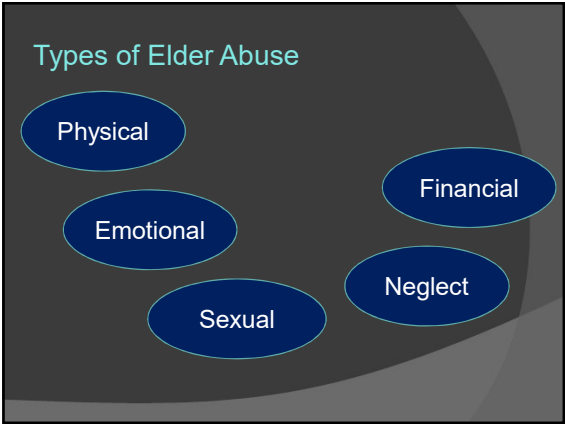
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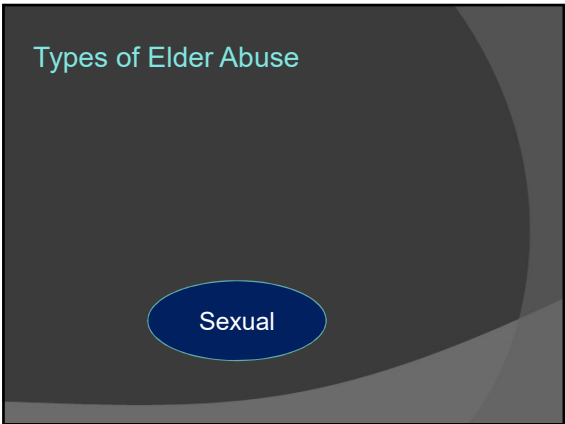
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Types of Elder Abuse: Sexual

Sexual Abuse
Any sexual contact or observation without consent

Class 4 Felony: intentional sexual abuse
Class 2 Felony: sexual abuse that *could* result in serious injury

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Types of Elder Abuse: Sexual

Sexual Abuse Constitutes 1% of Elder Abuse Cases


Types of Elder Abuse: Sexual

Most Common Victims

Females

Under 70

Highly Dependant



Types of Elder Abuse: Sexual

Consequences for Victim

Genital Trauma

Psychological Damage

Infections / Physical Pain



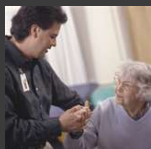
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Perpetrators

52% family members (76% spouses/partners)

40% acquaintances

3% strangers



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Signs of Sexual Abuse

Report by Victim or Friend

Unexplained Bleeding, Bruising, Infection
in Genital or Sexual Areas

Fluids or Stains on Clothing

Changes in Behavior

Pain



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Barriers to Discovering and Stopping Abuse

Reluctant to Report

Unable to Provide Details

Witnesses

Identifying Physical Evidence



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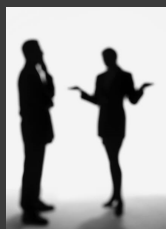
Defenses for Abuser

Someone Else Responsible

Medication

Past Recollection

Consent



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Investigating Abuse Defenses

Physical Evidence

Examining Medications

Victim Abilities and History